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LETTER DATED 6 AUGUST 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A JOINT STATEMENT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY MADE BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, E.M. PRIMAKOV, AND UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, WARREN CHRISTOPHER, IN JAKARTA ON 23 JULY 1996

We have the honour to forward to you the English and Russian language texts of the joint statement on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, E.M. Primakov, and United States Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, in Jakarta on 23 July 1996.

Could you please take the appropriate steps to register this document as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and have it distributed to all member delegations and non-member States participating in the work of the Conference.

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JOINT STATEMENT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY MADE BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, E.M. PRIMAKOV AND UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, WARREN CHRISTOPHER IN JAKARTA ON 23 JULY 1996

Guided by desire to do everything possible to bring about the implementation of the decisions of the Review and Extension Conference on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the decisions of the United Nations with regard to the conclusion of the Treaty on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban the Russian Federation and the United States of America are prepared to support the draft Treaty on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban as it was proposed on 28 June of this year by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Nuclear Test Ban of the Conference on Disarmament, Mr. J. Ramaker, although this document does not fully satisfy both sides.

Russia and the United States of America urge other participants in the negotiations to also support that draft so when the work of the session of the Conference on Disarmament is resumed on 29 July, its participants could make a decision to approve the draft treaty and to send if for approval and for opening for signature in the course of the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly.